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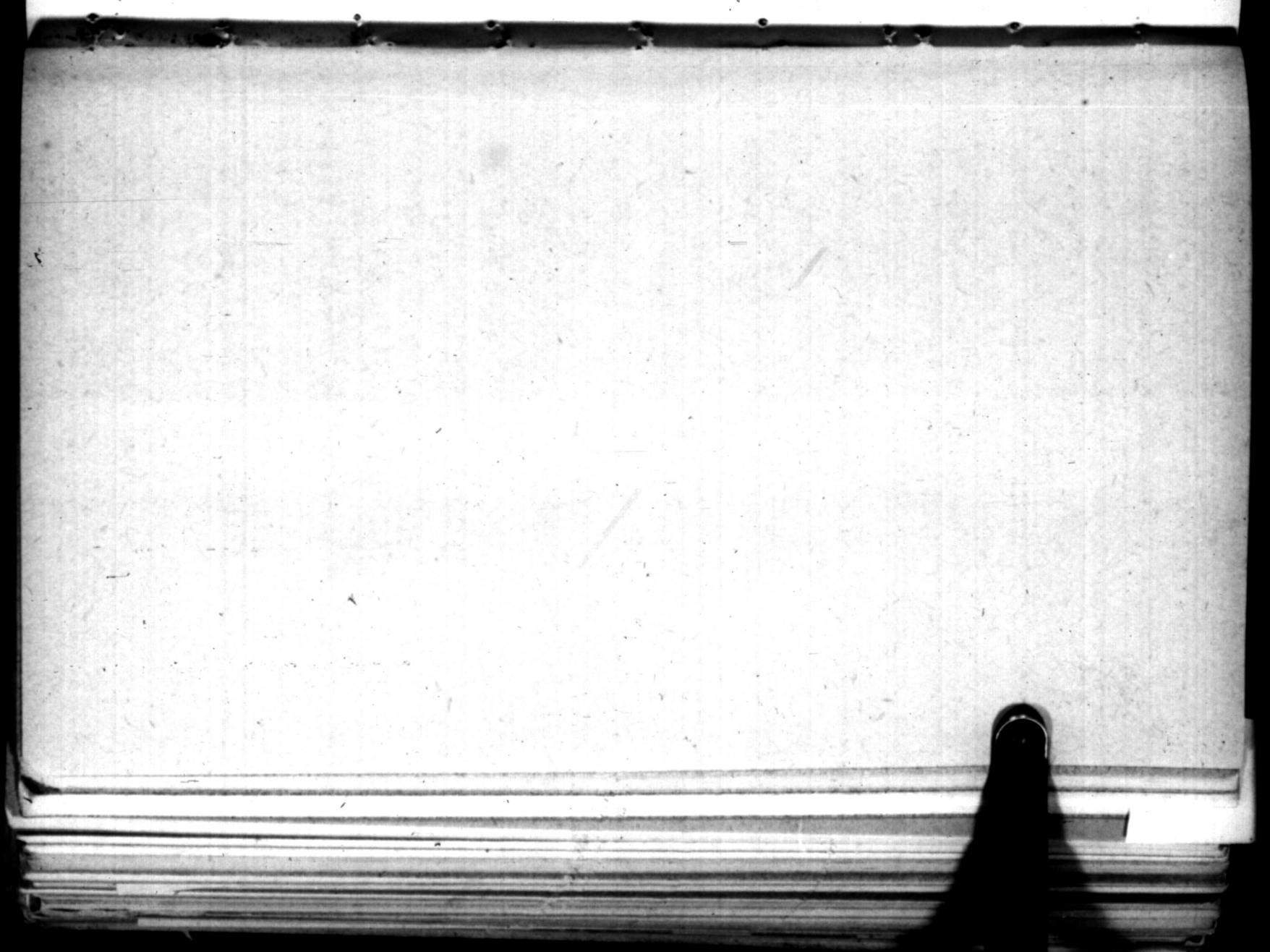

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE

CHICKASAHAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

PACHUTA BAPTIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 2-4, 1910

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

W. H. Patton, Chairman; J. M. Phillips, J. H. Rogers, J .J. Walker, C. G. Elliott, W. L. Brunson, Jr., G. W. Kennedy.

OFFICERS

W. H. Patton, Moderator.....Shubuta, Miss.
Chas. G. Elliott, Clerk and Treasurer.....Stonewall, Miss.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

Place—Enterprise on the M. & O. and N. O. & N. E. railroads, 15 miles South of Meridian, Mississippi.

Time—Friday before the first Lord's Day in September, 1911, at 9:30 o'clock, a. m.

Preacher—R. J. O'Bryant, Quitman, Miss.; Alternate, Chas. G. Elliott, Stonewall, Mississippi.

Our Dead

Male

E. Baker	Pleasant Grove
H. D. Craft	Pleasant Grove
J. T. Gilbert	Shubuta, Miss
L. S. Hardee	Pachuta, Miss.
C. A. Martin	Shubuta, Miss.
Wm. Moseley	Oak Grove, Miss.
C. D. O'Gwynn	Mt. Zion, Miss.
J. L. Patton	Shubuta, Miss.
T. D. Prescott	Waynesboro, Miss.
E. G. Rawson	Souinlovie, Miss.
S. H. Robinson	Mont Rose, Miss.
W. P. Smith	Mont Rose, Miss.
T. G. Short	Enterprise, Miss.
W. A. Taylor	Oak Grove, Miss.

Female

Mrs. Fannie Andrews	Enterprise, Miss.
Mrs. L. B. Baxter	State Line, Miss.
Emma Snowden Baines	Waynesboro, Miss.
Willie Hill McAlester	Waynesboro, Miss.
Mattie McLauchlin	Mt. Zion, Miss.
Miss Lydia Norsworthy	Stonewall, Miss.
Mrs. J. F. Pittman	Quitman, Miss.
Idalet Stollenwreck	Chicora, Miss.
Miss Callie Sumrall	Stonewall, Miss.

ORDAINED MINISTERS—Their Postoffices.

J. J. Anderson ..... Nancy, Miss.
E. A. Clarke ..... Stonewall, Miss.
H. M. Collins ..... Stonewall, Miss.
*J. O. Crawford .....
Chas. G. Elliott ..... Stonewall, Miss
A. J. Hearn ..... Pachuta, Miss.
*T. M. Jones .....
R. J. O'Bryant ..... Quitman, Miss.
J. M. Phillips ..... Shubuta, Miss.
J. T. Phillips ..... Quitman, Miss.
C. S. Ray ..... Quitman, Miss.
J. J. Walker ..... Shubuta, Miss.

LICENSED MINISTERS

*H. C. Johnston .....
D. P. Lankford ..... State Line, Miss.
J. T. O'Gwynn ..... Quitman, Miss, R. F. D., No. 3.

* Postoffice not given in letter.

A REQUEST.

I request that the Church Clerks will please distribute the Minutes of the Association judiciously, putting one into each family. That the membership read them through. The reports are well written, interesting and instructive.

Brother pastor, will you not commence taking your collections now in the following order: State Missions; before doing so, read the report on State Missions to the congregation, follow up the collection by either seeing yourself or having some one do so that every absent member has a chance to contribute to the collection. Take a collection on Thanksgiving in November for the Orphanage, following the same rule. In December take it for the aged ministers or Sustentation, each time reading the report on the object for which you are taking the collection. February, Home Missions. April, Foreign Missions. June, Ministerial Education. August, take a collection for the object needing it the worst, and you will have something to report in that line at the Association.

Can I induce some layman to lead in getting the laymen to agree to give ten dollars to pay towards the pledge of $500.00 for half the expenses of a Foreign Missionary, made by me as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention at Baltimore.

Sisters, if you have no Woman's Missionary Union, write to Mrs. R. J. O'Bryant, Quitman, Miss. If no Sunbeam Society, write to Mrs. J. J. Walker, Shubuta, Miss.

Pastor and brother deacon, see that your Church raises at least the amount apportioned for Missions. If you are not already taking the Baptist Record, Jackson, Miss., $2.00 a year, the Home Field, Atlanta, Ga., 35 cents, the Foreign Mission Journal, Richmond, Va., 35 cents, the Orphanage Gem, Jackson, Miss., 25 cents, will you not subscribe for them and read them?

For information or suggestions as to having a Layman's Movement in your Church, see the report in the Minutes.

See that every Sunday School in the Association will have delegates at Mt. Zion, near Winchester, on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in October next.

Brethren, last year showed we are on the upward grade. Now for a strong pull and a pull altogether to make this the banner year of the Association in conversions and missions.

Yours in Christian love,

W. H. PATTON, Moderator.

Shubuta, Miss., Sept. 6, 1910.

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Chickasahay Baptist Association met in its thirty-fifth session on Friday morning, September 2nd, 1910, with the Church at Pachuta. At 9:40 o'clock, the former Moderator, W. H. Patton called the body to order and asked Brother Elliott to conduct the devotional exercises, which were participated in by Brother L. A. Duncan, who was one of those who took part in the organization thirty-four years ago.

In the absence of the Clerk, Brother Elliott was elected Clerk pro tem. Brethren M. W. Buckley and W. H. Foster were appointed reading clerks, while R. L. Rawlings, Jno. S. Busby and R. T. Crawford were made a Committee on Finance.

Upon the roll call of the Churches the following delegates responded:

Buckatunna—J. E. Lane, J. H. McMillan.
Chapperal—Not represented.
Chicora—C. W. Moore, A. H. Hudson.
Clear Creek—B. F. Watts, M. R. Robinson.
Denham—Not represented.
DeSoto—W. A. Shirley.
Enterprise—M. W. Buckley.
Fairfield—Not represented.
Harmony—D. R. Red, J. T. Daniels, R. S. Evans.
Hepzibah—Not represented.
Hiwanee—Not represented.
Knight's Valley—W. L. Duke, W. A. Fulton.
Mont Rose—J. M. Johnston, C. H. Acklen, W. A. Carter, J. M. Harger.
Mt. Zion—T. F. Busby.
Oak Grove—J. B. Quinley, D. A. Brock, M. Morris.
Pachuta—M. F. Berry, L. S. Brownlee, L. Smith.
Pine Hill—Not represented.
Phalti—J. T. Rowell, J. R. Nealy, G. R. Rowell.
Pleasant Grove—J. C. F. Goodwin, Luther West.
Quitman—R. J. O'Bryant, J. T. Phillips, F. C. Stallings, C. C. McNeil, Jeff M. Carter.
Shady Grove—Letter.
Shubuta—J. J. Walker, W. H. Patton, J. M. Phillips, L. B. Fairchild.
Souinlovie—E. C. Nix, N. C. Powell, J. W. Basket.
State Line—Letter.

Stonewall—Chas. G. Elliott, R. T. Crawford, Miss Ruby Barrow.

Union—W. L. Brunson, Jr., G. H. Walker, L. Carter, R. L. Rawlings.

Waynesboro—Jno. S. Busby.

Upon motion of J. J. Walker, Brother Hackett cast the ballot of the Association for W. H. Patton for Moderator, and Chas. G. Elliott for Clerk and Treasurer.

Visiting Brethren: L. A. Duncan, President of the Board of Trustees of Clarke Memorial College, also from Lauderdale County Association; J. A. Hackett, Trustee of Mississippi College; and W. H. Foster from the Gulf Coast Association, were present and invited to take part in the work of the Association.

Corresponding Messengers were sent to other Associations as follows:

General (at Richton on M. J. & K. C. R. R.)—R. J. O'Bryant M. F. Berry.

Liberty—J. J. Walker, W. H. Patton, R. J. O'Bryant, C. G. Elliott.

Lauderdale County—W. H. Patton, W. L. Brunson, Jr., Jacob Sumrall, M. F. Berry, G. H. Walker.

After some discussion the Associational Sermon was set for 2:30 o'clock p. m.

Upon motion of W. L. Brunson, Jr., the pastor and delegates of the Pachuta Church were appointed a committee on hours of meeting and adjournment and reported as follows:

Meet at 9:00 a. m.; adjourn at 12:00 m. Meet at 1:30 p. m.; adjourn at 5:00 p. m. Meet at 7:30 p. m.; adjourn at pleasure.

The report of O. D. B. Causey, treasurer, was read and adopted as follows:

Report of Treasurer of Chickasahay Baptist Association, 1910.

Sept. 3, 1909	By balance on hand	$ 28 79
Sept. 6, 1909	By amount from Finance Committee as indicated in minutes of 1909	172 70
Sept. 4, 1909	By collection for Orphanage	10 59
Sept. 5, 1909	By collection for Missions	9 50
	Total receipts	$221 58

Disbursements

To check Miss Hallie Dabbs	$ 10 00
To check A. V. Rowe Sustentation	26 48
To check A. V. Rowe State Missions	27 60
To check J. R. Carter Orphanage	15 59
To check R. J. Willingham Foreign Missions	13 30
To check B. D. Gray Home Missions	36 01
To check W. T. Lowrey, Ministerial Education	12.50
To check O. D. B. Causey, Clerk Fee	20 00
To check Hederman Bros., printing and mailing minutes	47 50
To check incidental expenses	1 50
Total disbursements	$210 48
By balance to credit of the Association	$11 10

Upon motion of J. J. Walker, 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning was set for the report on Missions.

Upon motion of J. A. Hackett, 7:30 o'clock p. m., Friday was made the special hour for the report on Education, and 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning for the Laymen's Movement.

The Moderator was authorized to appoint the usual Committees, and adjournment was taken with prayer by Brother Hackett.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was called to order promptly at 1:30. The Moderator conducted the devotional exercises, after which he announced the following Committees:

Order of Business—W. L. Brunson, Jr., J. J. Walker, J. T. Phillips, J. A. Hackett.

State Missions—J. M. Phillips, C. C. McNeil, Luther West, R. T. Crawford.

Home Missions—J. J. Walker, W. L. Duke, J. C. F. Goodwin, J. W. Basket.

Foreign Missions—R. J. O'Bryant, C. H. Acklen, J. T. Rowell, L. Carter.

Ministerial Education—C. G. Elliott, T. F. Busby, L. S. Brownlee.

Publications—M. F. Berry, J. M. Harger, W. A. Fulton.

Sustentation—J. M. Johnston, J. E. Lane, M. R. Robinson.

Sunday Schools—M. W. Buckley, M. F. Berry, J. H. McMillan, L. A. Duncan.

Education—W. H. Foster, J. A. Hackett, F. C. Stallings, E. C. Nix.

Woman's Work—W. L. Brunson, Jr., B. F. Watts, N. C. Powell, Miss Ruby Barrow.

Temperance—W. H. Patton, W. A. Shirley, A. H. Hudson, G. R. Rowell.

Orphan's Home—Jacob Sumrall, G. H. Walker, Miss Ruby Barrow.

Laymen's Movement—W. H. Foster, B. F. Watts, A. J. Hearn.

Nominations—C. C. McNeil, C. W. Moore, M. W. Buckley, L. Smith, W. A. Carter.

Apportionment—J. J. Walker, R. J. O'Bryant, J. A. Hackett, A. J. Hearn, J. R. Nealy.

The Committee on Order of Business made a partial report as follows:

Associational Sermon, 2:30 p. m.; Sustentation, 3:30 p. m.; Education, General and Ministerial, 4:00 p. m.; Educational Mass Meeting, 7:30 p. m.

Saturday morning, Devotional exercises, 8:30; Miscellaneous, 9:00; Laymen's Movement, 9:30; Missions, 10:30.

The hour for the Associational Sermon having come, Brother J. J. Walker took charge of the service. He read three selections from the New Testament: Matt. 9:35-38; 15:32-39; John 4:31-39; text, John, 4:35; subject, "A Comprehensive View From Different Standpoints," or "Our Lord's Admonition to Look on the Fields."

The report on Sustentation was next presented by Brother Johnston. Spoken to by Brethren Hackett, Foster, O'Bryant, Elliott and Brunson, and adopted as follows:

Report on Sustentation

We your Committee on Sustentation, beg leave to report as follows:

There are at present seventeen of these dear old people on the list, all of whom need our help. Three have passed away this year, two are blind, and one is bed-ridden with rheumatism.

Brethren, we have one dear old minister in our Association that needs help and the Committee asks that he be added to the list.

We have received up to date, $2,021.89 for this fund, which is $855.05 less than the total amount received last year.

Brethren, this should not exist. We feel it to be our duty to help these dear old soldiers of the Cross. We think it is the duty of all the pastors to see that at least one Sunday in each year is given to this cause. We believe we could raise $5,000 just as easily if we would only try. We trust that God will bless us in our efforts for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. JOHNSTON,
J. E. LANE,
M. R. ROBINSON.

Upon motion of Brother Brunson, the Churches were asked to take a collection for the aid of needy preachers in our own bounds, and forward it to the Executive Committee for distribution.

Brother Elliott read the report on Ministerial Education, as follows:

Ministerial Education

This is the day of educational advancement, the three R's of former generations having been supplanted by the extended course of our public schools. With compulsory education in some states, and the public school in all, even children are far more intelligent now, than were many grown-up people of other days. With this increasing intelligence comes a need for a better educated ministry in order that the preachers may instruct and lead the people. Few Churches will put up with a pastor who is not ahead of the majority of its membership in intelligence, and none will tolerate a man who does not know more than the average child of ten years of age. While this is true, God continues to call men from the humbler walks of life to preach the Gospel. The majority are so poor they cannot afford the advantages of anything beyond the country public schools, and many cannot even take full advantage of that unless some help is given them, since they

must earn their daily bread by the sweat of their brow. Realizing the fact that if these men are left to their own resources they must either go through life inadequately equipped or else spend their best years preparing for the work to which they believe God has called them, Christian people are contributing of their means to help them. Boards of ministerial education have been established in each State to look into and pass upon the fitness of those asking for help, in order that the money so given may be as wisely spent as is possible. Every applicant must have the endorsement of his home Church before any consideration is given to his application for help. If mistakes are made the fault lies chiefly with the Churches, since the Boards rely for the facts mainly upon the Churches that make the recommendation. This is as it should be, for the Board is only a committee to take charge of the work of the denomination, while to the Churches God has committed the responsibility of passing upon a man's fitness for Church membership, and also his qualifications for the ministry. Probably not fewer than 100 young men from Mississippi are in school every year studying for the ministry. Last session there were 63 in Mississippi College, and 10 in Clarke Memorial. While every year there are from 10 to 20 in the Seminary, and some in other schools.

The majority of these are dependent upon their brethren for help, and five cents from each of the Baptists of the State would furnish all that is now needed. But in spite of this fact, our Board reported to the last convention a debt of $1,000 which shows how little consideration we give to this important part of our work. The minutes of our Association for the past three years show only $12.50 contributed for this purpose. While five cents from each would have been $132.60 last year. There is absolutely no better way for a man to multiply his usefulness than by helping to prepare other men for preaching the Gospel. And your Committee recommends that we make an effort this year to raise as much as five cents for this purpose from each member of our Churches.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. G. ELLIOTT,
T. F. BUSBY,
L. S. BROWNLEE.

Discussed by Brethren Elliott, Hackett, Hearn, Duncan and Stallings. Pending adoption, the Association adjourned with prayer by Brother Duncan.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION

The body assembled promptly at 7:30, and Brother J. J. Walker conducted the devotional exercises.

Other visiting brethren were recognized and invited to take part in the proceedings, viz:

J. L. Johnston, Jr., Mississippi College.
S. B. Culpepper, President Clarke Memorial College.
T. J. Bailey, Editor Baptist Record.
G. W. Price, Mississippi Baptist.

The report on Ministerial Education was adopted.

The report on Education was next read by Brother Foster, who gave way to Professor Johnston, and he was followed by Brother Culpepper. The subject was further discussed by brethren Patton and Hearn, and the report was adopted, as follows:

Report on Education

Never before in the history of the world has the question of education so thoroughly occupied the attention of the masses of the people as it does today. Every year finds the State increasing its appropriations for the purpose of securing a better educated citizenship. I realize that money spent in this cause is a profitable investment. And shall the children of darkness be wiser in their day in this question than the children of light? Are we, as Christians, investing in Christian education what we think is really necessary to secure a good Christian citizenship in our Churches?

We, as Baptists, are peculiarly fortunate in respect to schools in Mississippi. Splendid advantages are offered to our girls at those excellent institutions—Hillman and Blue Mountain Colleges. No better opportunities can be offered to our boys anywhere in the land than can be found at Mississippi and Clarke Memorial Colleges. Are we supporting these institutions with our means and patronage as those people would who have the good of the Master's cause close to their hearts?

Our denominational schools are being brought today very prominently before the eyes of the public and very patiently the denomination is working out its educational problem within the State, and is reaching a better understanding with the State-supported institutions. It is increasingly evident that our Baptist Educational Institutions are public institutions, though not supported by the State, and that they perform the highest public service. The influence of our institutions for good as regards the State-supported schools, is also growing and we may expect this influence to become even yet more beneficent. And who can gainsay the prediction that in periods of economic and socialistic unrest that seem so imminent to our country, our Christian schools may prove themselves the bulwark of the nation?

We would not close this report without calling special attention to one of the greatest factors in the great cause of Christian education—the educated Christian teacher in our common schools. Some noted official in the great Catholic Church is credited with saying: "Give me the child until he is ten years old and you may have him the rest of his school life." If it is true that the possibilities for lasting impressions are so great in his early years, does it not behoove us then, as Christians, as Baptists, to see to it that our children have Godly, consecrated teachers while they are young?

We would earnestly urge every member of our Association to ponder well these things and see that his children have the proper influences thrown around them during their school life.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. FOSTER.

Adjourned with prayer by Brother Bailey.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Association assembled at 8:45, and the devotional exercises were led by Brother Bailey, Brethren Hearn and Hackett taking part.

The minutes of the first day were read and approved.

The hour for the report on the Laymen's Movement having arrived, it was read by Brother Foster. By special arrangement, Brother Johnston, who has been taking an active part in this movement since it began, addressed the Association, after which

upon motion of Brother Hackett, the report was laid on the table to make way for the special order.

Report on Layman's Movement.

"The world for Christ in this generation" is the motto of the great Laymen's organization. To carry out this policy will require the earnest co-operation of the great body of laymen throughout the world. The laymen of this Association may do much to secure this result. Too long have the membership of the churches, the laymen been idle, allowing the entire burden of this great work to fall upon the shoulders of the pastors and the good women. But the individual membership of the Christian world are arousing from their lethargy and this last year has been one of active work; and although we cannot estimate results with any degree of accuracy, yet there are many evidences that much good has already been accomplished, and that foundations are being laid broad and deep for enduring progress.

Many of our Churches are not taking part in this great work and a great problem before us is to inaugurate some effective plan by which these non-contributing Churches may be enlisted in the cause and those already active in the work be encouraged to greater effort.

Your Committee would suggest that at least the following part of the plan, as outlined at the Southern Baptist Convention, be faithfully tried.

First, that in every Church of this Association an active committee of at least five laymen be appointed by the Church who shall co-operate with the pastor in a vigorous campaign of missionary education, and that these laymen shall associate with them a number of other laymen to assist in the work.

Second, aggressive work by the Association. An Associational Committee of three should be selected, who should select with care nine other laymen whose hearts have been touched and who can speak and arrange for a rally in every Church of the Association that needs their help.

The greatest opportunity of all the ages for Christian work is before us. God is showing His marvelous power throughout the world. The great cry, "Come over and help us," is sounding from every nation of the world. Will we, as laymen, help to answer the cry?

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. FOSTER,
A. J. HEARN,
B. F. WATTS.

The hour for the reports on Missions having come, Brother Walker read the one on Home Missions, Brother J. M. Phillips the one on State Missions, and Brother O'Bryant the one on Foreign Missions.

Report on Home Missions.

After His resurrection and before His ascension, our Lord announced His program of missions. It was:

"All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth (Matt. 28:18); Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature; (Mark 16:15), beginning at Jerusalem (Luke 24:47); and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age."

The scheme of missions outlined by the Saviour took in the entire world. But the nature of the case, as well as His command and the

Apostolic example, made the world vision include the lost who were near, as well as those who were far away, and made it of first importance. Peter and John of the Apostles, who received the commission, healed the man lame at the temple gate.

The lame man of today sits at the gate of every Church. The Jerusalem Church was overwhelmingly successful in interpreting the Gospel to its own community. Having the purpose and power to save those around it, it had the spirit that naturally and necessarily sends forth wholesome streams of saving truth to the dark places beyond.

Our Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria are in the United States. Are we doing our part to take and keep our country for Christ?

Out of 90,000,000 population in the United States, there are only about 20,000,000 members of evangelical denominations. Are we not too much neglecting our Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria?

Have our Churches the unselfish Christian love and consecration to take hold of the crying needs of the submerged and neglected on the one hand, and of the pleasure seekers and money-mad on the other? The world is asking whether we have a Gospel that is strong enough to command the hearts and lives of sin-buffeted men, and bring the harmony of love where now abides the discord of hate and selfish greed.

Alien immigrants flock to our shores at the rate of a million a year, and perhaps two million more of our own people each year are uprooted from their own environment and brought together in new relations in new towns and on the frontier. In these people-movements is at once a great problem and an unvoiced cry that ascends up before God, for a gospel that will bring order out of chaos and replace the selfish hardness and barrenness of sin with good citizenship and brotherly love.

The Christian denominations of America are awakening to the magnitude of these problems and others not here mentioned. They are turning with an encouraging unanimity to Home Missions as the means whereby such problems must be solved.

Southern Baptists must take a large part in saving the lost of America. We hold the Gospel in its purity. Since we have so much to give in making good Americans, while at the same time we make Christians, we are under the deeper obligation to do large things. Because we are more numerous than any other Christian body in the South, our obligation is greater than any other.

God has blessed the labors of the missionaries of our Home Board to far larger fruitage than that shown by the reports of similar mission boards.

The Board last year reported 27,426 baptisms and 52,910 additions to Churches through the labors of missionaries supported wholly or in part by it. No Mission Board in the world has reported results one-half as large as these. No Home Mission Board in America, so far as we can find, had results more than one-third as large, though several expended four times as much in the work.

Our people are becoming aroused to the large importance of Home Missions, and each year the Home Mission Board's receipts are larger. This year the Southern Baptist Convention is asking for $400,000 to be raised for the work of the Home Board. Of this amount $31,000 is apportioned to our State, and $..... to our Association. We ought to raise every cent of it and more. We are well able to raise it. By the blessing of God shall we not say, "We will raise it!"

Your Committee recommends:

1. That this body provide for the apportioning of the amount our Association is to raise among the Churches.

2. That our pastors be requested to make an earnest effort at least once during the year to preach a special sermon on Home Missions, and the magnitude and importance of the problems involved.

3. That each of our Churches during the year make at least one liberal offering for this work.

4. That a club of subscribers be raised in each Church for the Home Field, the unusually attractive and illuminating monthly magazine of the Home Board.

5. That Churches and pastors be encouraged to make a large use of the Home Board's informing tracts and sample copies of the Home Field, both of which are free for the asking.

The address of the Home Mission Board is number 723 Austell Building, Atlanta, Ga.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. WALKER,
W. L. DUKE,
J. C. F. GOODWIN.

Report on State Missions.

Your Committee on State Missions, beg leave to report as follows:

While it is true that the field is the world, yet the Scripture seems to justify the different departments in the great work of Missions.

The last message that our Lord gave to the Disciples before ascending to the right hand of the Father, was, that they should be "His witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." "Jerusalem" represents the home Churches to which we as individuals belong. First of all, we should be loyal to the sovereign local Church, which is the pillar and ground of the truth. "Judea" represents that part of the work lying just beyond the local Church, which we will call State Missions, and which is looked after by the Convention Board of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, through its efficient Corresponding Secretary, Rev. A. V. Rowe. This should be considered next in importance to the keeping up of the local Churches, as the State Mission work lays the foundation for the building of Christ's kingdom in the regions beyond. "Samaria" represents the great Home Mission field, which is being looked after by the Home Mission Board at Atlanta, through our own Dr. B. D. Gray, the matchless Corresponding Secretary. While the "uttermost parts of the earth" may be said to represent the vast foreign field, which is being cared for by the Foreign Board, located at Richmond, with Dr. R. J. Willingham as the faithful secretary. But for the local Churches, under the leadership of self-sacrificing pastors, there would be but little done for State Missions, and but for State Missions, which is foundation work, the great work of Home and Foreign Missions would suffer in a corresponding ratio. Hence the vital importance of laying the foundation broad and deep at home. The influence of every lover of Missions should be exerted in strengthening the cause in the hearts and minds of the members of the local Churches, with the view, first that they may become interested in building up the cause of Christ in the waste places of our own State so that, second, the lovers of truth in these waste places may become fellow helpers in giving the Gospel to the territory covered by our Home Board; in order, third, that through the combined efforts of the local Churches, the State Board and the great Home Board at Atlanta, the mighty hosts of Southern Baptists may labor together as one man in carrying out the Great Commission of our Lord to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

During about thirty-seven years that our Convention Board has been doing State Mission work in Mississippi, nearly 600 Churches, both in town and country, have been given assistance. Some of these Churches have become strong and self-supporting, and are also giving liberally to Missions, both at home and abroad. But while a great work has been done in the past, a still greater work remains to be done in the future. The State is developing materially at a rapid rate. New railroads are being built, new homes are springing up like magic in many places; many country Churches are needing help on account of members moving to town. So we respectfully recommend that the Churches composing this Association strive to do more for State Missions during the coming year than ever before.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

Report on Foreign Missions.

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, beg to report the following:

Southern Baptists paid out last year $501,058.84. There were 3,223 Baptisms in foreign lands last year, the greatest number of baptisms since we began work in the foreign field. Southern Baptists are asked to give $600,000 for Foreign Missions next year. Of this amount Mississippi is asked to give $3800.00. We can easily reach this mark if we will all go in with an earnest purpose to bring it to pass for the glory of God. We can use every dollar of it to a good advantage, because the Board has sent out a number of new missionaries, who have left all at the call of our Lord to go into the foreign field to work for the salvation of the heathen. And it is our duty to see that they have the means to carry on the great work of bringing the lost to Him who said, "Go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost;" and we recommend that an earnest effort be made to get all Churches in our Association to contribute to Foreign Missions next Associational year.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. O'BRYANT,
C. H. ACKLEN,
W. L. CARTER,
J. T. ROWELL.

Pending discussion of these reports, letters were read from Oak Grove and Harmony, and the delegates enrolled. The Mission question was then taken up and discussed by Brethren J. J. Walker, Bailey and O'Bryant, and adopted.

The Committee on Order of Business made a further report as follows:

Apportionment, 1:45 p. m.; Publications, 2:00 p. m.; Woman's Work, 3:00 p. m.; Orphan's Home, 4:00 p. m.; Temperance, 7:30 p. m.

Sunday School 9:00 a. m., Sunday.

Dismissed with prayer by Brother O'Bryant.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was called to order at 1:45; prayer by Brother J. T. Phillips. The Apportionment Committee not being ready, a report was read by Brother Kennedy for the Executive Committee and adopted as follows:

Report of Executive Committee.

On June 20th, a Committee provided for at the 5th Sunday meeting in May, held with the Stonewall Baptist Church, met with the Executive Committee in the Shubuta Baptist Church. There were present Brethren W. H. Patton and J. J. Walker from the Shubuta Church; R. J. O'Bryant, Quitman; Geo. B. Parker, DeSoto; Jerry Johnston, Mont Rose; J. W. Tucker, Stonewall; O.D.B. Causey, Buckatunna; Truman Gray, Waynesboro; G. W. Kennedy and D. R. Red, Harmony.

The exercises were opened by Brother O'Bryant, who read and commented on the 24th Psalm. Prayer by Brother Walker.

Brother Patton, chairman of the Executive Committee, stated the object of the meeting, and Brother Kennedy was elected secretary.

Upon motion, a committee was appointed to draft a Constitution and By-Laws for the permanent organization of the Sunday School Convention, consisting of brethren O'Bryant and Walker, from the Executive Committee, and brethren Red, Parker, Tucker, Johnston and Gray from the other delegates, who reported as follows:

1. This Convention shall be known as the Sunday School Convention of the Chickasahay Baptist Association.
2. It shall be composed of delegates from the Sunday Schools of this Association, and the pastors.
3. Each school shall be entitled to two delegates for every fifty members, and one for each fractional part thereof.
4. There shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected at each meeting of the Convention.
5. The officers shall be chosen by ballot or otherwise, and shall hold office until their successors have been elected.
6. This Convention shall be under the auspices of the Association and shall report to the Association in its annual meetings, by three delegates who shall be elected by the Convention.
7. With the consent of the Association the minutes of the Convention shall be published with its minutes, the Convention paying its pro rata part of the cost.
8. There shall be a missionary sermon preached at each meeting by some one chosen by the Convention, at which time a collection shall be taken to be used for publishing the minutes, the balance, if any, to be given to the Orphans Home.
9. The general meeting of the Convention shall embrace the second fifth Sunday in each year.
10. A committee on program shall be elected at each meeting who shall hold office until their successors are elected.
11. The secretary shall correspond with the Sunday Schools, and request them to send delegates to represent them in the meetings of the Convention.
12. The Constitution and By-Laws shall be submitted to the Association for approval.

Upon motion the president was requested to write to Brother Godbold, Clinton, Miss., and see if his services could be secured. If not, then some one else.

Upon motion, adjourned to meet at Mt. Zion Church, Wayne County, Miss., the fifth Sunday in October, next.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. PATTON, Chairman
G. W. KENNEDY, Secretary.

Brother Berry submitted the report on Publications, which was discussed by Brother Bailey and adopted, as follows:

Report on Publications.

So important is reading in the building of character, that too much care and caution can hardly be exercised in the selection of literature.

As a basis and standard in building spiritual character so far as literature is concerned, we commend.

1st. God's Word.

2nd. The Baptist Record, Jackson, Miss., and Mississippi Baptist, Newton.

3rd. Our Home Field, Atlanta, and Foreign Mission Journal, Richmond, Va.

4th. The Sunday School Literature as published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.

5th. The Orphanage Gem, published at the Baptist Orphanage, Jackson, Miss.

6th. Beyond this, we recommend that our Baptist people take and read Christian literature to the extent of their ability.

7th. We recommend that our Churches and pastors institute a Baptist Record Day for exploiting Christian literature, preferably some Sunday in January, 1911.

Respectfully submitted,

M. F. BERRY,
J. M. HARGER,
W. A. FULTON.

The Committee on Apportionment submitted their report, which was adopted, as follows:

Report on Apportionment.

We, your Committee would not dictate to any of the Churches what they should contribute, but we recommend that the following amounts be apportioned, and ask that they be raised in the next Associational year to be appropriated in our effort to extend the Kingdom:

Buckatunna	$ 50.00
Chicora	25.00
Clear Creek	15.00
Chapperal	5.00
DeSoto	50.00
Denham	15.00
Enterprise	125.00
Fairfield	15.00
Hiwanee	10.00
Harmony	75.00
Hepzibah	10.00
Knight's Valley	20.00
Mont Rose	100.00
Mt. Zion	50.00
Oak Grove	20.00
Phalti	15.00
Pine Hill	10.00
Pachuta	35.00
Pleasant Grove	25.00
Quitman	150.00
Shady Grove	15.00
Souinlovie	20.00
Shubuta	250.00

Stonewall	100.00
Union	125.00
Waynesboro	125.00
State Line	20.00
Total	$1,475.00

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. WALKER, for the Committee.

Brother Brunson read the report on Woman's Work, which was spoken to by Brethren Brunson, Hackett, J. J. Walker, Duncan and Patton and adopted, as follows:

Report on Woman's Work.

There was a time not long ago when reports on Woman's Work, whether made direct to District Associations, State Conventions, or even to the Southern Baptist Convention, consisted largely of arguments for the work and exhortations to the brethren to help in the work.

We are proud to say that day has passed, the work has won its way and today a report on it is rather a report of the good things accomplished.

The report of the treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Union contains some very impressive figures well worth recording here.

The gifts for the year were as follows: Foreign Missions, $123,-116.16. Home Missions, $77,881.23.

For all purposes including boxes to the frontier missionaries, gifts to the Sunday School Board, for the Margaret Home and to the Woman's Training School, the report shows a grand total of $237,459.52. The report shows that Mississippi contributed to this fund $10,127.01 for all purposes. The figures are simply wonderful, as it is more than the men gave a few years ago. But we cannot estimate the good work that is accomplished by our women in dollars and cents alone. The influences set in motion by them have found only partial expression in money—there are things more valuable than money. They have taught our people to pray for Missions and have kept up such constant agitation of the subject of Missions that they have aroused the men in many instances to a sense of their duty along this line. Aside from this, they contribute regularly as Church members, to the pastor's salary and all good objects. We find that when the Church wants to get the best results in raising money for any special object, the women are always called upon to assist. For their help we are very grateful and we are glad to encourage them in the great work they are doing for the Master in any way that it is possible for them to do.

We recommend that Mrs. R. J. O'Bryant be appointed as Vice-

Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. BRUNSON, JR.,
RUBY BARROW,
B. F. WATTS,
N. G. POWELL.

A song was sung, after which the report of the Finance Committee was read, as follows:

Report of Finance Committee.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report that we have received from the different Churches for,

State Missions	$142.35
Home Missions	5.00
Foreign Missions	7.00
Sustentation	5.00
Associational Missions	1.47
Undesignated	1.20
Associational Purposes	57.50
Total	$219.52

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. RAWLINGS,
R. T. CRAWFORD,
JNO. S. BUSBY.

The amounts sent up for Associational Missions and undesignated were added to the fund for Associational purposes by order of the body.

Brother Pattton gave an account of his trip to the Southern Baptist Convention, and called attention to the fact that he had pledged $500 from the Association to pay half the expenses of a new missionary.

Brother G. H. Walker read the report on the Orphan's Home for the chairman. It was discussed by Brethren Sumrall, G. H. Walker, Patton and Culpepper, and adopted, after which Brethren J. M. Phillips and Culpepper took up a collection for the Home which amounted to $13.81.

Report on Baptist Orphanage.

Your Committee finds from your last year's Associational report that the institution for the past seven years was in a prosperous condition, and had kept out of debt, although the management had made many improvements and increased the value of said properties, which was necessitated by the increase of the number of children being admitted.

We find that the management found it necessary to erect other buildings, so as to meet the wants sufficiently to accommodate more children. When the buildings are completed, they can accommodate three hundred children comfortably.

The property, at a conservative valuation, when the buildings are completed, will be worth $120,000.00.

On account of the short crops of last year, the increase in cost of living and the falling off in contributions for the present year, the management was compelled to borrow the sum of $7,000 to meet the demands of the institution.

We recommend that the Churches and Sunday Schools take monthly contributions, amounts contributed to go towards maintenance of the Orphanage. Also, that the Association take up a liberal collection to help liquidate the indebtedness now hanging over the Orphanage.

We find that the farm has largely aided in the support of the inmates of the institution, and that since the organization of the Home, four hundred children have been admitted into its walls.

At present there are one hundred and ninety children in the institution, with more waiting to be received when room is found for them. The health of the children has been very good during the present year. The attendance of the children in the school has been good, under the management of the young ladies in charge.

We recommend that every Baptist subscribe for the Orphanage Gem.

Respectfully submitted,

J. SUMRALL,
G. H. WALKER,
RUBY BARROW.

Brother McNeil read the report on Nominations, which was amended so as to pledge the Association to pay the expenses of the delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention and adopted as follows:

Report on Nominations.

Your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to report as follows:

That the Association meet with Enterprise Baptist Church at 9:30 a. m., on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1911. That R. J. O'Bryant preach the sermon with Chas. G. Elliott alternate. Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, J. M. Phillips, with J. T. Phillips alternate. Delegates to Mississippi Baptist State Convention Chas. G. Elliott, W. H. Patton, M. W. Buckley, C. C. McNeil, G. H. Walker, W. L. Brunson, Jr., J. M. Johnston, J. L. Davis, M. F. Berry, D. R. Red, R. J. O'Bryant, J. M. Phillips, J. J. Walker, Jeff D. Carter.

Executive Committee, W. H. Patton, J. M. Phillips, J. J. Walker, W. L. Brunson, Jr., J. H. Rogers, C. G. Elliott and G. W. Kennedy.

That Mrs. R. J. O'Bryant be appointed Associational Vice- President of Woman's Work.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. McNEIL,
C. W. MOORE,
M. W. BUCKLEY,
L. SMITH,
W. A. CARTER.

By request, Brother Buckley read the report on Sunday Schools for the benefit of those who would not be present Sunday morning.

On motion of Brother Hackett, the report on the Laymen's Movement was taken from the table, re-read, spoken to by Brother Hackett, and adopted.

Brother P. S. Rogers, formerly of Mississippi, now of Oregon, having come in, was introduced to the Association and gave some account of the work in the far West.

Adjourned with prayer by Brother Bailey.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION

The Association met at 7:30 and spent some time in devotional exercises, Brethren J. M. Phillips and J. J. Walker taking part.

The Clerk read the letter from Shady Grove, which had come in by mail.

Brother Hackett was called to the chair by the Moderator, who read the report on Temperance. A vigorous discussion followed, participated in by Brethren Patton, Bailey, Elliott, O'Bryant, Hackett, J. J. Walker and J. M. Phillips, after which the report was adopted, as follows:

Report on Temperance

Conviction against the drink habit and traffic has never been so near in accord with the teachings of science and God's word as today.

Upon this joyous fact, we congratulate the citizens of our great country.

In our own beloved State the seal of disapprobation and execration is upon the debauching drink traffic. The legalized saloon is driven from our borders, we hope, never to return.

In spite of the public press being almost universally against us, in spite of the fixed habits of appetite, greed and lust, we have by the help of God and the power of right with the loyal help of the Christian womanhood of this and several other States, enacted laws severing partnership with the liquor traffic.

The principle of prohibition has won the day. It has not only stood the test between right and wrong, but it has proved to be the only effectual remedy over the combined political and financial power of the liquor traffic.

We have the judicial decisions of almost every court of the last resort in the land declaring that prohibition is right, and we hope soon to have them join the invincible logic of the true and brave Judge Artman of Indiana, and declare that license is wrong and unconstitutional. The liquor traffic could well afford to give half its wealth to reverse the decisions of the courts in regard to their business.

Principle and experience alike have condemned the license system. It has proved to be its own great accuser. No power can make it right. No amount of money paid to the public can take away its sting or wipe out its trail of blood. Not even the vote of the people in local option contests can add one semblance of right to the legalization of dram selling.

Local option transfers the responsibility of legally opening a saloon from the legislature to the men of the community.

We should oppose the saloon as Christians, philanthropists, citizens and Baptists. As Christians, we should oppose it because the sale of strong drink is wrong. As philanthropists, we should oppose it, because of untold suffering caused by drink. As citizens, we should oppose it, because the liquor traffic with its organized forces destroys the very spirit of American citizenship and is one of the greatest enemies of the American institutions. As Baptists, we should oppose it because we have ever been the advocates and champions of religious liberty, and nothing is a greater power in the hands of enemies of religious liberty than the legalized and organized liquor traffic.

We feel that there should be a strict enforcement of all laws, but in-as-much as the liquor men and their sympathizers work to make the dram shop law obnoxious, Christians should see to its enforcement.

Christian people depend upon the laws enforcing themselves, when it is their duty to testify against public sin. Make affidavits against "blind tiger" men and women; report any known violation to the proper officers, and affidavits can be made against the violators on information and belief.

When things go wrong in any community it is generally the men of influence who are responsible for it. When we tolerate immoralities which we could break up, we virtually become responsible for them.

We should stand by the officer who is inclined to enforce the law, give him moral backing, and get vigorously behind the officer who is not so inclined.

As the drink habit and its necessary attendant, the liquor traffic, are against God and His Christ, against all that is pure and good, it follows that Christians and the Churches must be against both—the one no less than the other. Your Committee feels constrained to say that whoever drinks intoxicants as a beverage, is clearly and efficiently on the side of the matchless evil. He becomes a partaker of the liquor traffic because he aids and abets it in its destructive work.

Dram drinking is a sin against God and a crime against humanity. The Churches should have no fellowship with this unfruitful work of darkness.

We believe in the absolute prohibition of the liquor traffic and that we should not give up the fight against it until every nation has outlawed it. No form of government, municipal, county, state, or national, has any right to legalize a business so productive of suffering and crime.

We urge temperance teaching in the homes and more temperance discipline in our Churches.

We recommend that total abstinence be practiced by all Christians, and that the jug, with its influence for evil, be banished from our homes.

We further recommend that Churches should discipline members for social drinking or ordering a jug of liquor for beverage purposes.

We believe our people ought either to quit praying "Thy Kingdom Come," or to vote as they pray. Let us vote for men that we conscientiously believe in and can depend upon to favor the passage of wholesome laws on this subject, and for judicial officers who will honestly enforce the laws.

We urgently request Congress to pass and hereby instruct our Congressman and United States Senators to use their best efforts to secure the passage by Congress of the following legislation:

(a) The Hamilton-Owen Bill, to create prohibition zones around the Indian reservation in the territory.

(b) The Tirrell Bill, or its equivalent, which is designed to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors in any building and upon any premises owned or controlled by the United States government.

(c) A measure providing a better code of temperance laws for the District of Columbia.

(d) A measure to prohibit the use of the United States mails to advertise intoxicating beverages in prohibition territory.

(e) A measure which will put interstate shipments of liquor under the police regulation of the state into which they are shipped; and which will protect the sale of liquors under the Federal authority in territory where such sale is prohibited by local laws.

(f) That we commend the decision of the Arkansas and Oklahoma Supreme Courts which prevent the circulation of newspapers or other periodicals in those states which contain advertisements of intoxicants.

The Status of the States.

The following States have state-wide prohibition: Alabama, Georgia, Kansas, Maine, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee. Many other states, like Arkansas, South Carolina, Missouri, Texas, and others, are on the brink of prohibition.

Not less than 40,000,000 of the population of the United States are living in saloonless territory, and that two-thirds of the area of the United States proper are free from the legalized retail liquor traffic.

Nearly all of the railroads of the United States, employing in the aggregate over 1,500,000 men require total abstinence, while on, and, a large proportion, while off duty.

Intelligent discrimination against frequenters of liquor saloons is made by an increasing number of the largest industries and commercial concerns throughout the country.

Over sixty of the leading fraternal organizations discriminate in their membership against the makers and sellers of intoxicants.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. PATTON,
W. A. SHIRLEY,
A. H. HUDSON.

Brother Brunson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Clerk of this Association have a sufficient number of minutes printed to supply the need of the Churches composing the Association. That same be distributed at the earliest possible date, and that he retain twenty-five ($25.00) dollars for his services.

Upon motion, the resolution was adopted.

Brother Brunson then offered the following:

Resolved, that we extend to the members of this Church and to the citizens of Pachuta our hearty thanks for the very royal manner in which they have entertained us.

Adopted by a rising vote.

Adjourned with prayer by Brother O'Bryant.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Association met at 9:30. In the absence of the Clerk, Brother J. M. Phillips was asked to act as Clerk.

After devotional exercises led by Brethren J. T. Phillips and Brunson, Brother J. M. Phillips gave notice that at the next regular meeting he would offer an amendment to the Constitution providing for an Executive Committee.

On motion of Brother Hackett, the Moderator was authorized to appoint a standing committee of five to look after the affairs of the Association until the next session, the Moderator to be one of the five and to be chairman. The committee thus provided for consists of W. H. Patton, J. M. Phillips, J. J. Walker, R. J. O'Bryant and C. G. Elliott.

Brother M. W. Buckley read the report on Sunday Schools, which was discussed by Brethren Buckley and Duncan and adopted, as follows:

Report on Sunday Schools.

The study of the Bible is so essential to every one that each Church should have connected with it a well organized Sunday School that all may have an opportunity to study the Bible, that our

young members may learn of their Christian obligations and that they are expected to let their light shine. In order that this truth may be impressed upon them, every one of all ages should be connected with the Sunday School, either as teacher or pupil and engage in the study of God's Word. But your Committee regrets to report that in some of our Sunday Schools it is hard to get competent Christian teachers who will be regular in their attendance, many of them seeming to forget the responsibility resting on them and the injustice they do by their absence to those who have been intrusted to their training.

We are all greatly interested in the regular attendance of our children at the day schools where they are taught to read, write and speak correctly, but in which the book of more importance than all, the Bible, that tells us of God and His love for all mankind, which warns us of the consequences of sin, and tells us how to train our children in the way they should go, is not taught. Then is it not strange that we do not impress upon our children the importance of regular attendance at Sunday School and of learning the lessons well by studying the lessons ourselves and attending whenever it is possible to do so?

Your Committee would urge upon all of our schools the suggestion of our excellent Sunday School evangelist, Brother J. E. Byrd, that we grade our classes so that each and every one will get most good out of the lessons.

Respectfully submitted,

M. W. BUCKLEY,
M. F. BERRY,
J. H. McMILLAN,
L. A. DUNCAN.

The hour for preaching services having come, Brother O'Bryant preached from Isiah 52:1. At the close a collection was taken for State Missions, which amounted to $16.09.

After some closing remarks by the Moderator, the Association adjourned to meet with the Church at Enterprise, on Friday before the first Lord's Day in September, 1911.

W. H. PATTON, Moderator.
CHAS. G. ELLIOTT, Clerk.

NOTICE

The reason the minutes have been so long delayed is that the printer who took the contract to print them sold out before he got out the work, and the other parties seemed to be unable to do the work, which caused the Clerk to have to change to another house, which was done on November 10th, after having waited over a month on the other man.

CHAS. G. ELLIOTT,
Clerk of the Chickasahay Association.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. The name of this body shall be the Chickasahay Baptist Association.

Art. 2. Its object shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom, by the concentration of Christian labor; the inculcation of Bible truth and the cultivation of friendly intercourse among the Churches.

Art. 3. Members of the Association may be of three classes—delegates, pastors of Churches holding membership in the Association and messengers. The first and second class only shall have the right to vote and to produce evidence of their appointment by the Church which they propose to represent before being entitled to seats.

Art. 4. Each Church belonging to the Association shall be entitled to two delegates until its membership shall exceed fifty, and an additional delegate for each fifty thereafter, or fraction thereof; provided that ministers who are members of any such Churches but supply other pulpits, may be appointed as additional delegates above the regular quota.

Art. 5. The Association shall only have the power of an advisory council, and shall in no wise infringe upon the rights or independence of the Churches.

Art. 6. No queries shall be considered by the Association unless regularly sent up through the Churches, nor shall difficulties between the Churches be discussed until other methods of settlement have been tried without avail.

Art. 7. The Association shall meet annually, as may be agreed upon; and after enrolling the names of the delegates, proceed by ballot to the election of the Moderator, and Clerk who shall be ex officio Treasurer of the Association.

Art. 8. The duties of the various officers shall be similar to those of all deliberative bodies, and Mell's Parliamentary Manual shall be the basis of all decisions of order.

Art. 9. Churches holding the Articles of Faith adopted by this body, may become members of the Association by a unanimous vote, and letters of dismissal may be obtained without assigning a reason therefor, by a concurrence of a majority, while the Association claims the right of withdrawing from such Churches as it shall deem heterodox or disorderly.

Art. 10. The Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a vote of three-fourths of the delegates present; provided, the proposed alteration or amendment shall have been submitted at the session immediately preceding.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were written by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin ,of total depravity and of man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe that God chose His people, in Jesus Christ, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth; and He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, therefore all are required to obey.

7. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead—the just and the unjust; the general judgment; and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is composed of faithful persons only who have covenanted to keep up a discipline agreeable to the New Testament.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only law-giver of His Church, and that the government is with the Church, each member having equal rights therein.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only ordinances of the Church and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12. We believe that immersion alone is Baptism and can be administered only by those duly set apart by the Church, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects for the ordinance.

13. We believe that regularly baptized believers only have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. All meetings of this Association shall be opened with prayer and closed with prayer or benediction.

2. The officers of the Association shall hold their positions until their successors are chosen.

3. The Moderator shall preside, or some brother whom he may designate while speaking, and shall preserve order; his decision being final unless an appeal is immediately made to the body.

4. It shall be in order for male delegates and messengers only to discuss questions or speak publicly in the session of the body, and only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise and address the Moderator.

5. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject under discussion, or use personal reflection.

6. Every motion made and seconded shall be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. After allowing due time for debate, all questions taken up shall be disposed of before any other motion can be entertained.

8. No member shall speak more than once upon the same subject without permission of the Association, nor shall any practice be tolerated which interrupts speaking.

9. Members shall use the term brother, when speaking of each other, and shall be rebuked by the Moderator for violation of their rules.

10. These rules may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Pastor	Postoffice	Clerk	Postoffice	Value of Church Property	Pastor's Home	Membership Increase				Membership Decrease			
							Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Membership Last Year	Letter	Expulsion	Death	Membership This Year
Buckatunna	T. E. Tucker	Healing Sp'g's, Ala.	J. C. Ellis	Buckatunna, Miss.	$ 1200 00	$		7		96	6	1		96
Chicora	J. M. Phillips	Shubuta, Miss.	C. W. Moore	Chicora, Miss.	1200 00		16	16	1	41			1	73
Clear Creek			C. M. Graham	Shubuta, Miss.	600 00		6	3		63	1			71
Denham	Not represented.									37				
DeSoto	J. J. Walker	Shubuta, Miss.	Geo. B. Parker	DeSoto, Miss.	1250 00			1		70	10	5		56
Enterprise	J. A. Hackett	Meridian, Miss.	H. R. Ward	Enterprise, Miss.	3600 00			12		116	4		2	122
Fairfield	Not represented.													
Harmony	J. M. Phillips	Shubuta, Miss.	G. W. Kennedy	Quitman, Miss., R. 3	750 00			3		125	3			125
Hepzibah	Not represented.									41				
Hiwanee	Not represented.													
Knight's Valley	J. M. Phillips	Shubuta, Miss.	H. H. Lafferty	Nancy, Miss.	600 00		11	1		87				99
Mont Rose	R. J. O'Bryant	Quitman, Miss.	G. W. Carter	Quitman, Miss.	2250 00		10	12	1	120	5		2	136
Mt. Zion	F. A. Freeman	Meridian, Miss.	S. Busby	Waynesboro, Miss.	1600 00		12	4	1	99	1	1	2	116
Oak Grove	J. T. Phillips	Quitman, Miss.	M. C. Pugh	Shubuta, Miss.	600 00		3			82			2	83
Pachuta	J. A. Hackett	Meridian, Miss.	J. H. Rogers	Pachuta, Miss.	1000 00			4		84	7		1	80
Pine Hill	Not represented.													
Phalti	J. T. Waldrop	Acme, Miss.	J. T. Rowell	Barnett, Miss.	150 00		2			63				65
Pleasant Grove	J. M. Phillips	Shubuta, Miss.	D. L. Goodwin	Vossburg, Miss.	500 00		7			74	1		2	78
Quitman	R. J. O'Bryant	Quitman, Miss.	Jeff M. Carter	Quitman, Miss.	3000 00	1200 00	2	13		212	20		1	206
* Shady Grove	T. M. Jones	Not given	Dan Johnson	Not given			3			49				47
Shubuta	J. J. Walker	Shubuta, Miss.	O. P. Phillips	Shubuta, Miss.	2500 00	1500 00	4	12		110	1		3	122
Souinlovie	A. J. Hearn	Pachuta, Miss.	L. B. Therrell	Enterprise, Miss.	800 00		7	1		64	3		1	68
State Line	J. J. Walker	Shubuta, Miss.	I. P. Baxter	State Line, Miss.	1000 00					62	2		1	59
* Stonewall	C. G. Elliott	Stonewall, Miss.	T. J. Harper	Stonewall, Miss.	3000 00	1250 00		14		364	28	2	2	346
Union	R. J. O'Bryant	Quitman, Miss.	R. L. Rawlings	Quitman, Miss.	2500 00		3	1		150	14	1		139
Waynesboro	J. M. Phillips	Shubuta, Miss.	F. M. Gray	Waynesboro, Miss.	2200 00				1	272	10		3	260
Total					$29700 00	$3950 00	84	104	4	2496	116	10	23	2447

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FINANCIAL TABLE

Churches	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Ministerial Education	Sustentation	Orphans' Home	Colleges and Schools	Local Benevolence	Sunday School Expenses	Church Expenses	Building and Repairing	Visiting Ministers	Pastor's Salary	Other Objects	Associational Purposes	Total
Buckatunna	$ 8 31	$ 9 00	$ 23 54	$	$	$ 10 00	$	$	$ 10 00	$	$	$ 20 00	$ 150 00	$	$ 3 00	$ 233 85
Chicora	10 77	8 77	5 00			15 00			36 57	14 00		50 00	150 00		2 00	292 11
Clear Creek						4 23			3 45			20 10			2 50	30 28
Denham																
DeSoto		42 80				34 50			14 88		30 00	8 00	150 00	3 70	2 50	286 38
Enterprise	30 00	25 00	25 00		20 00	50 00	55 00	25 00	25 00	60 00	57 00	40 00	400 00	20 00	5 00	837 00
Fairfield																
Harmony					7 62	17 00	6 00		14 75		40 00	30 00	125 00		3 00	243 37
Hepzibah																
Hiwanee																
Knights' Valley	5 40	5 40			2 35	2 06			7 00	1 75	17 60	38 25	100 00		3 00	182 81
Mont Rose	38 50	29 80	49 00			9 65					34 50	37 35	152 20		2 50	353 50
Mt. Zion	12 10	4 50	17 75		5 00	10 00					12 50	22 50	175 00		2 50	261 85
Oak Grove	6 01								5 50			13 07	33 50		3 47	61 55
Pachuta	6 80	5 00	5 00			11 71			7 50	2 00		57 00	100 50		4 00	199 51
Pine Hill																
Phalti		11 50														
Pleasant Grove	6 40	6 40			4 50	4 15	20 00		3 50			20 00	100 00	12 00	2 00	149 00
Quitman	38 70	42 88	67 05			42 35						34 75	92 00		2 50	170 70
Shady Grove					80	1 00			57 77	46 25	947 64	75 00	344 25	18 52	2 50	1682 91
Shubuta	105 00	169 18	130 52			88 27	85 00	10 00	49 38	32 65	153 53	23 00	450 00	23 75	4 00	1324 28
Souinlovie	1 75		3 00						6 00	4 50		23 71	120 00		2 00	160 96
State Line	2 00	5 00	6 00						3 75			15 00	64 00		2 00	97 75
Stonewall	64 35	64 07	50 85					20 75	36 00	43 68	65 02	46 91	175 00	20 95	5 00	592 58
Union	29 75	29 75	72 50			33 00	78 15	11 70	10 57	7 00	45 00	50 00	250 00	6 04	2 50	625 96
Waynesboro	25 50	24 55	43 52	2 00		8 15			6 45	36 00		10 00	250 00	3 00	3 00	412 17
Col. at As't'n			16 09			13 81										29 90
Total	$391 34	$483 60	$514 82	$ 2 00	$ 40 27	$354 88	$244 15	$ 67 45	$298 07	$247 83	$1402 79	$634 64	$3413 45	$107 96	$ 60 87	$8264 12

This Table includes all amounts contributed through every agency, as shown by the other tables.
The Stonewall pastor received $83.33 from the State Mission Board which is not included in the above Table.
DeSoto reported $42.80 all told for Missions, but did not indicate how it was divided. As the amount was in the Home Mission Column, it
[illegible]ced to the credit of Home Missions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Churches	Superintendent	Postoffice	Secretary	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Baptisms	S. S. Expenses	Orphans' Home	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Incidentals	Other Objects	Total
Buckatunna	J. H. McMillan	Buckatunna, Miss.	Curtis McMillan	4	40		$ 10 00	$10 00	$	$	$	$	$	$ 20 00
Chicora	C. W. Moore	Chicora, Miss.	T. J. Richey	7	98	15								
Clear Creek	W. B. Falconer	Shubuta, Miss. R. 1	Miss H. L. Reid	3	65	3								
Denham														
DeSoto				6	61									
Enterprise	M.W. Buckley, Sr	Enterprise, Miss.	M. W. Buckley, Jr.	5	90		25 00							25 00
Fairfield														
Harmony	W. S. Dabbs	Quitman, Miss. R. 1	Miss Valeria Daniel	5	62									
Hepzibah														
Hiwanee														
Knight's Valley	R. T. Pope	Nancy, Miss.	Miss Annie Lafferty	5	66	10								
Mont Rose														
Mt. Zion														
Oak Grove	M. C. Pugh	Shubuta, Miss.	S. D. Nealy	5	51		5 50							5 50
Pachuta	M. F. Berry	Pachuta, Miss.	Miss Neoma Parker	5	48									
Pine Hill														
Phalti	D. A. Lightsey	Paulding, Miss.	Miss Jennie Lightsey	3	30									
Pleasant Grove														
Quitman	J. K. Kirkland	Quitman, Miss.	Miss Ada McNeill	7	128				6 00	6 00				12 00
Shady Grove	S. M. McKee		A. F. Johnson			3								
Shubuta	W. H. Patton	Shubuta, Miss.	J. M. Ulmer	13	133	4	49 38	65 27	10 00	10 00	5 00		22 75	162 40
Souinlovie	E. C. Nix	Enterprise, Miss.	Miss Lettie Nix	3	60	5	6 00					4 50		10 50
State Line	I. P. Baxter	State Line, Miss.	Miss Gertrude Lee	4	59									
Stonewall	J. W. Tucker	Stonewall, Miss.	Larkin Touchstone	7	91		36 00							36 00
Union	A. M. McLemore	Quitman, Miss.	Miss Mamie Williams	3	75									
Waynesboro	J. M. Cameron	Waynesboro, Miss.	C. H. Gray		75		6 45	8 15			9 26			23 86
Total				85	1227	40	$138 33	$83 42	$16 00	$16 00	$14 26	$4 50	$22 75	$295 26

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